

REMARKS

Claims 25-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner asserts that the metes and bounds of the terms "mold liner" and "framework" are undefined. While Applicants do not concede that these terms are indefinite, claims 25-26 have been amended in an effort to address the Examiner's concerns. If this amendment is not deemed to overcome the rejection, Applicants would appreciate any suggestions regarding suitable claim language.

Claims 1-5, 7-8, 10-13, 16-18 and 25-26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Gallant, and claims 6 and 21 have been rejected as obvious in view of Gallant.

Referring to the declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 filed herewith, Ernesto Tachauer, a named co-inventor in the present application, avers that the invention was reduced to practice prior to August 20, 2003. Therefore, the Gallant reference is not available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 102(e).

As the cited reference is not available as a reference under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), and does not qualify as a prior art reference under any other statutory provision, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.


Enclosed is a \$150 check for excess claim fees and a \$120 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Applicants' Attorney Docket No. 05918-320001.

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